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Roberts to head State Building Authority

LANSING – A veteran employee of the Department of Management and Budget (DMB) has been appointed executive director of the department's State Building Authority (SBA). Deborah Roberts, who has worked with the SBA for more than six years, began serving in its top position Aug. 14.

"Debbie's professional expertise and her extensive SBA experience made her the ideal candidate for the position," said DMB Director Lisa Webb Sharpe. "Her long-term involvement with SBA's outstanding projects ensures a seamless transition."

In her new role, Roberts oversees financing of state capital outlay projects and risk management services. The SBA issues and sells bonds and notes for the acquisition and construction of facilities and equipment used by the state, including public universities and colleges. The agency also manages the state's vehicle self-insurance fund and handles the risk management services that provide state agencies with insurance for commercial property, general liability, aviation, builders' risk and other areas.

Currently, the SBA has \$2.5 billion in outstanding bonds for approximately 200 projects. It also has arranged financing for approximately 20 projects in various stages.

"This is a great opportunity for me to do something I thoroughly enjoy," Roberts said. "Although the SBA has a small staff, we continually accomplish big things. We are extremely efficient at what we do."

Roberts, who is a certified public accountant, has a 19-year career with state government. She holds a bachelor of science in business administration degree from Central Michigan University. Before joining DMB, Roberts was an auditor analyst for the Michigan Insurance Bureau.

Roberts had served as the SBA's interim executive director since June. She replaced Tom Saxton, who left DMB for the Department of Treasury.